**WestGATE History Research Guide**

**Library Visit**

Find five books written on the history of Otautau and surrounding areas:

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Write down the three industries which Otautau was founded on.

1.

2.

3.

Can you find out anything about businesses that used to be in Otautatu?

List as many as possible below.

In which years did Otautau suffer big floods?

1.

2.

When was the big fire of Otautau?

Where can we find information about how much damage was caused by the fire?

List six facts you have discovered about the fire below:

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

On the Internet:

Log onto <http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/paperspast>

* Can you find the name of Otautau’s local newspaper?
* What years of the newpaper are available online?
* How long did the newspaper run for?
* What is the name of the man who started the newspaper?
* What is the name of the family he sold the paper to?
* Choose a date and open up that newspaper: It could be Nov – Dec 1918 when the flu arrived, or
* What date did you choose? Why?
* List five headlines from the newspaper:

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

* Look at the advertisements on the front page. Name six different businesses in Otautau and what they sold:

**Museum**

Choose three different **artefacts** you discover in the museum and answer the following questions:

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Fill the rest of the page with interesting facts you have discovered about businesses or events that occurred in Otautau:

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3. How often did you buy things from the shops in Otautau? What did you buy?
4. Did you buy your meat from a butcher? Where did you get it from?
5. What were some of the shops in Otautau?
6. What was the biggest business in town?
7. Was there a petrol station when you were a child?
8. What sort of meals did you eat as a child?
9. What did you do in school lunchtimes?
10. How many classes were in Otautau school?
11. How many people were there in each class?
12. Did you have a school uniform?
13. Did you use fountain pens and slate boards when you were at school?
14. Did you have a computer in your classroom?
15. Were the teachers nice?
16. Did you have corporal punishment?
17. Did you like school?
18. Was there a library at school when you went to school?
19. Was there a high school in Otautau? Where did you go to high school?
20. Where there any clubs that you belonged to?
21. Did the roads have tarseal?
22. What were the fashions when you were a kid?
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